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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A IS FOR ART : AN ABSTRACT ALPHABET. Stephen T. Johnson. Simon & Schuster Books. 2008. *Reading Level 7.0.* Interest Level All Ages. Best Illustrated Book of the Year 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - All Ages. Abstract works of art, including collages, paintings, and sculptures illustrate each letter of the alphabet.

AFGHAN DREAMS : YOUNG VOICES OF AFGHANISTAN. Tony O'Brien and Mike Sullivan. Bloomsbury Children's Books. 2008. *Reading Level 6.5.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. A photo-essay featuring contemporary Afghan children ranging in age from 8 to 18 years.

AIN'T NOTHING BUT A MAN : MY QUEST TO FIND THE REAL JOHN HENRY. Scott Reynolds Nelson with Marc Aronson. National Geographic. 2008. *Lexile Level 1030.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. Jane Addams Book Award - 2009. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. PW's Best Books of the Year 2008.

Historian Scott Nelson introduces children to the life of the real John Henry, drawing on songs, poems, and stories to describe the man behind the legend.

BODIES FROM THE ICE : MELTING GLACIERS AND THE REDISCOVERY OF THE PAST. James M. Deem. Houghton Mifflin. 2008. *Lexile Level 1180.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Kirkus Reviews - Editor's Choice Children's Books - 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. Outstanding Science Books for Students K - 12 - 2008. Robert F. Sibert Honor Books - 2009.

Examines the science of glaciers and looks at some of the discoveries of the past that have been made as the ice masses move and melt.

DENIED, DETAINED, DEPORTED : STORIES FROM THE DARK SIDE OF AMERICAN IMMIGRATION. Ann Bausum and a poem forward by Naomi Shihab Nye. National Geographic. 2009. *Reading Level 8.6.* Interest Level Grades 6 and up. Starred Reviews.

Discusses cases from the history of immigration in the U. S. in which immigrants were denied entry.

HELEN'S EYES : A PHOTOBIOGRAPHY OF ANNIE SULLIVAN, HELEN KELLER'S TEACHER. Marfe Ferguson Delano. National Geographic. 2008. *Lexile Level 1030.* Interest Level 6 - 8. Best Books of the Year 2008.

Photographs, illustrations, and text chronicle the life of Helen Keller's tutor, Annie Sullivan.

HONEYBEE : POEMS & SHORT PROSE. Naomi Shihab Nye. Greenwillow Books. 2008. *Reading Level 5.8.* Interest Level Grades 7 and up. **Best Books of the Year 2008.**

A collection of poems and short prose pieces in which Naomi Shihab Nye reflects on the topics that are of most importance to people.

HOW WE NOW WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUR CHANGING CLIMATE : SCIENTISTS AND KIDS EXPLORE GLOBAL WARMING. Lynne Cherry and Gary Braasch. Dawn Publications. 2008. *Lexile Level 1170.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. **Best Books of the Year 2008. Best Science Books - Junior High and High School.**

Describes how and where scientists find evidence of climate change, and offers advice to students on how to make a positive impact on the environment.

LINCOLN SHOT : A PRESIDENT'S LIFE REMEMBERED. Barry Denenberg and artist Christopher Bing. Feiwel and Friends. 2008. *Reading Level 6.8.* Interest Level 6 - 8. **Best Books of the Year 2008. Booklist Books for Middle Readers - 2008.**

A biography of Abraham Lincoln presented in the form of a scrapbook dated one year after his assassination.

THE LINCOLNS : A SCRAPBOOK LOOK AT ABRAHAM AND MARY. Candace Fleming. Schwartz & Wade Books. 2008. *Lexile Level 1050.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. **Best Books of the Year 2008. Book Links Lasting Connections 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers 2008. Fanfare 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. Orbis Pictus Award - 2009.**

A dual biography of Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary.

MISSION CONTROL, THIS IS APOLLO : THE STORY OF THE FIRST VOYAGES TO THE MOON. Andrew Chaikin with Victoria Kohl and paintings by Alan Bean. Viking. 2009. *Reading and Interest Level 6 - 8.* **Starred Reviews.**

Recounts various important events from the history of space exploration.

OUR WHITE HOUSE : LOOKING IN, LOOKING OUT. An introduction by David McCullough. Candlewick Press. 2008. *Lexile Level 1110.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. **Best Books of the Year 2008. Fanfare 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - All Ages. PW's Best Books of the Year 2008.**

A collection of essays, personal accounts, historical fiction and poetry that traces the history of the White House through the eyes of children who have lived there or visited.

SHOW & TELL : EXPLORING THE FINE ART OF CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATION. Dilys Evans. Chronicle Books. 2008. *Reading and Interest Level Young Adult.* **Best Books of the Year 2008.**

Dilys Evans selects and discusses picture books she has identified as having earned the distinction of fine art.

THOREAU AT WALDEN. John Porcellino from the writings of Henry David Thoreau. Hyperion. 2008. *Reading Level 6.6.* Interest Level Grades 7 and up. **Best Books for Young Adults - 2009.**

A graphic novel interpretation of Henry David Thoreau's "Walden", featuring actual words from the text in which Thoreau describes his experiment in simple living.

TRAVELING THE FREEDOM ROAD : FROM SLAVERY & THE CIVIL WAR THROUGH RECONSTRUCTION. Linda Barrett Osborne. Abrams Books. 2009. *Reading and Interest Level Grades 6 - 8.* Starred Reviews.

Collects accounts from slave narratives, journals, diaries, and other sources to provide a first - person perspective on the antebellum South, the Civil War, and Reconstruction.

THE TROUBLE BEGINS AT 8 : A LIFE OF MARK TWAIN IN THE WILD, WILD WEST. Sid Fleischman. Greenwillow Books. 2008. *Reading Level 7.5.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults - 2009. Best Books of the Year 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. PW's Best Books of the Year 2008.

A narrative account of the childhood and youth of nineteenth-century writer Mark Twain.

WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE. Russell Freedman. Holiday House. 2008. *Lexile Level 1210.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books of the Year 2008. Book Links Lasting Connections 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. Kirkus Reviews - Editor's Choice Children's Books - 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. Orbis Pictus Award - 2009.

An account of the six months during which the soldiers in George Washington's command camped at Valley Forge.

THE WAY WE WORK : GETTING TO KNOW THE AMAZING HUMAN BODY. David Macaulay with Richard Walker. Houghton Mifflin. 2008. *Reading Level 8.2.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books of the Year 2008. Fanfare 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers.

A visual exploration of the inner workings of the human body that uses close - ups, cross - sections, and perspectives to look at the different body systems and how they function.

WHAT THE WORLD EATS. Faith D'Aluisio and photographed by Peter Menzel. Tricycle Press. 2008. *Lexile Level 1150.* Interest Level Grades 6 and up. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Best Books of the Year 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. PW's Best Books of the Year 2008.

A collection of photographs depicting twenty-five families from twenty-one different countries - describes the cost of a weeks worth of food and other cultural information for each country.